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Honorable J. M. Fulbright
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

I am happy to respond to your request for comments on S. 822, a Bill to create the Freedom Commission and the Freedom Academy.

I believe the objective to be laudable. As I stated in an address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August 1960, we need in this country more education on the history and policies of International Communism, particularly more knowledge of the nature of the Communist threat to our way of life. I believe it is essential for educational institutions throughout the United States to develop facilities for extending the knowledge of the dangers of Communism in all its ramifications and to give some of its historical background.

There are already several departments and agencies in the Federal Government which devote time and effort to the subjects with which the proposed Freedom Commission would be concerned. As you undoubtedly know, this Agency has a considerable effort devoted to the study of Communism, including a School of International Communism to educate those who enter on duty with us.

In regard to the Freedom Academy, there are these factors to be considered:

- (1) Many universities and research institutions (such as the Council on Foreign Relations, Foreign Policy Association, and Brookings) are already making an effort in studying the menace of Communism and in educating their students or members. In these universities and institutions are found most of the real experts, outside those in Government, who are competent to deal with this subject.

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- (2) A study of International Communism and related Soviet problems would provide a more rounded program if it were tied in with general studies of world problems. Such a general course might be more attractive to the type of individual who could be effective in such work.
- (3) The Academy would be an overt institution, and its personnel and student body would almost certainly become well known. This factor would be quite important in selecting students and in determining the nature of their future activities in the field of anti-Communism.

I trust that these remarks will be of some use to you.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

On the proposed reply to Senator Fulbright, DD/P prepared the first reply. General Cabell made some suggestions and asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to write a new version. You then made some changes, which have been incorporated in the present draft, and I tried some syntactical simplifications.

If you wish, I can ask General Cabell and Mr. Kirkpatrick to review the present draft and get their comments.

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There are already several departments and agencies in the Federal Government which devote time and effort to the subjects with which the proposed Freedom Commission would be concerned. As you undoubtedly know, this Agency has a considerable effort devoted to the study of Communism. This Agency has a School of International Communism to educate those who enter on duty with us. We believe this school to be one of the finest in the world. Naturally, the resources of CIA could assist the Freedom Commission if it were established.

In regard to the Freedom Academy, there are these factors to be considered:

- (1) Many universities and research institutions (such as the Council on Foreign Relations, Foreign Policy Association, and Brookings) are already making an effort in studying

the menace of Communism and in educating their students or members. In these universities and institutions are found most of the real experts, outside those in Government, who are competent to deal with this subject.

- (2) A study of International Communism and related Soviet problems would provide a more rounded program if it were tied in with general studies of world problems. Such a general course might be more attractive to the type of individual who could be effective in such work.
- (3) The Academy would be an overt institution, and its personnel and student body would almost certainly become well known. This factor would be quite important in selecting students and in determining the nature of their future activities in the field of anti-Communism.

I trust that these remarks will be of some use to you. Perhaps it would be helpful for you, your committee, and those who are sponsoring the Freedom Commission to have a chance to see what this Agency is doing in its efforts to train people in effective anti-Communist activities. We should be very happy to tell you about this work if you feel such a briefing would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Senator Fulbright:

This responds to your request for the comments of this Agency on S. 822. I believe the objective sought is a laudable one. As I stated in my address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August 1960, we need in this country more education on the history and policies of the Communist movement, particularly knowledge of the nature of the Communist threat to our civilization. I believe it is essential for our educational institutions throughout the country to emphasize training in all of the ramifications of Communist intrigue and its historical background.

There are already several departments and agencies in the Federal Government which are devoting a vast amount of time and effort to the subjects with which the Freedom Commission would be concerned. These include the Central Intelligence Agency, which as you undoubtedly know devotes a considerable amount of effort to the study of Communism. This organization also has a School of International Communism which we believe to be one of the finest in the world. Naturally, the resources of CIA and other departments and agencies could be utilized to assist the Freedom Commission.

In regard to the Freedom Academy, there are these factors to be considered:

- (1) Many universities and other institutions (such as the Council on Foreign Relations, Foreign Policy Association, Brookings, etc.) are already devoting some attention

to the study of the Communist menace and the education of their student body or membership. In these universities and institutions we find most of the real experts, outside of those in government, who are competent to deal with this matter.

- (2) A study of international communism and related Soviet problems would perhaps need to be supplemented with general studies of world problems in order to provide a more rounded program and to better attract the type of individual who would be effective in such work.
- (3) The Academy would be an overt institution and its personnel and student body would almost inevitably become well known. This is a factor that would be quite important in the selection of the students and in the determination of their activities in the anti-Communist field.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to comment on the Freedom Commission Act and hope that the above remarks will be helpful. I would like to repeat that I am thoroughly in favor of the objective which you are seeking and am anxious to cooperate in every way. Perhaps it would be useful to your Committee, or to those who are sponsoring the Freedom Commission, to have an opportunity to see what this Agency is doing in its efforts to train its personnel and those working with us in the field of anti-Communist activities. We would be very happy to provide such a briefing if you feel that this would be useful.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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The suggested reply goes into an ~~some~~ affirmative proposal which you may think goes too far. It represents our understanding of the Boss' Views (tho. we couldn't check it out) + we feel that it is sensible. It also has the virtue of avoiding a wholly negative response.

We did not distinguish between U.S. + Foreign students ~~at~~ under the ~~the~~ Bill - ~~but~~ it seemed unnecessary + lengthened the letter too much. Can do so, however, if you think it important.

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